

May 6, 1864

Sherman, whose headquarters had been at Chattanooga began his advance on May 6. He was at the head of three armies; those of the Cumberland, the Tennessee and the Chatahoochee commanded respectively by Thomas, McPherson and Schofield and aggregating 99,000 men. Joseph E. Johnston was at Dalton, Georgia, strongly intrenched with a force of

53,000. The campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, which now commenced, is remarkable for vigor and pertinacity of the attack, the skill and obstinacy of the defence. Two giants met. Sherman's greater number corresponded to the greater difficulty of his task. For the invasion of the ~~greater difficulty of his~~ enemy's territory, with constantly lengthening line of supply and consequent dwindling of the main force through detachments necessary to protect this line, an Army twice as great was required.

July 30, 1864

Battle of the Crater

Former Union coal miners
tunneled 511 ft under Confederate
lines and planted huge powder
bombs, which blew up, killing
278 Confederates and created
huge crater for Union forces
to exploit - east of Petersburg,
Va.

Jun. 17, 1864

Battle of Dandridge

Confederate under Gen. James
Longstreet forced Union troops
to retreat at Dandridge, Tenn.

July 28, 1864

Battle of Darbytown Road, Va.
Union Troops defeated Confederates
at Darbytown Road, Va

Oct 7, 1864

Battle of Darkeytown Road
Confederates won a victory
there

Oct. 13, 1864

Battle of Darbytown Road
Union troops won a victory
here.

May 8-21, 1864

Battle of Spotsylvania Covert House,
Virginia

May 8, 1864

Neither General showed a disposition to attack, but Grant made arrangements to continue the movement by the left in a night march to Spottsylvania Court House.

Suspecting that Grant might move to Spottsylvania Lee sent a portion of his force which having a shorter march, arrived earlier than the Union Army, and took up a position across the path of their approach.

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SPOTTSYLVANIA

When General Lee learned that Grant was moving toward Richmond, he made a forced march and arrived at Spottsylvania, Va. first.

Here the 2 armies met in one of the most hotly contested battles of modern times. Much of the fighting was done hand-to-hand, over the heaps of killed and wounded,

and the result was indecisive.

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Battle: Spottsylvania.

Union Genl

Meade

defeated

See

w 105,000

lost 12,000.

w 135,000

lost 20,000

June 10, 1864

Battle of Brice Cross Roads, Miss.
Confederate Cavalry under Gen. Nathan
Forest (July 13, 1821 - Oct 29, 1877)
won decisive victory over Union
troops at Brice Cross Roads, Miss.

May 11, 1864

The armies soon come in contact
and the fighting began again.